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Field Crops

For the week ending February 27, emergence has occurred on 97 percent of the durum wheat acreage and 98 percent of the barley acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on slightly more than a quarter of the State's acreage. Alfalfa sheeping off remained slightly active. Range and pasture conditions have improved with the abundance of precipitation received in the past few months.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, green onions, head lettuce, herbs, mixed greens, parsley, and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navel oranges and tangerines last week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	6	20	55	19
Range and Pasture	8	8	16	43	25

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Durum Wheat				
- Emerged	97	95	100	97
Barley				
- Emerged	98	95	100	98

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending February 26. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Kingman to 2 degrees above normal at Douglas, Willcox and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 74 degrees at Casa Grande while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 22 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 17 reporting stations. Tucson received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.02 inches and Payson received the highest amount of precipitation at 1.05 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
February 20 - February 26, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	40	1	54	29	0.50	4.67	1.41
Casa Grande	58	0	74	42	0.00	3.57	1.54
Coolidge	57	-1	71	41	0.35	4.04	1.78
Douglas	51	2	69	34	0.03	4.53	1.35
Flagstaff	34	0	42	22	0.58	10.87	4.56
Gila Bend	60	-2	70	43	0.50	2.59	1.43
Grand Canyon	35	0	45	25	0.57	7.43	3.11
Kingman	49	-4	57	30	0.86	6.67	2.23
Parker	60	-2	71	44	0.41	4.08	1.51
Payson	44	-2	53	29	1.05	10.91	4.49
Phoenix	61	-2	69	49	0.21	4.82	1.54
Prescott Airport	42	-1	51	28	0.54	6.46	2.33
Safford Ag Center	51	1	67	39	0.12	3.55	1.46
Tucson	57	-1	70	42	0.02	2.62	1.81
Willcox	49	2	67	36	0.33	3.53	2.00
Winslow	42	2	59	30	0.15	2.83	0.95
Yuma	63	-2	73	48	0.52	2.08	0.64

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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